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**Subject:** CEC Council Session Events at Fab Lab June 2018

Dear Mr. Wavering:

My name is Luis Troche, with the US Environmental Protection Agency. I have been working with Brandt Smith to design and host an event at the Fab Lab on June 27, 2018. The event is associated with the 24th Regular Session of the Council for the Commission for Environmental Cooperation, being chaired and hosted by EPA Administrator Pruitt on June 26-27 with the Ministers for Environment from Canada and Mexico, and a trilateral delegation of 80-100 experts. The theme of the Council Session is "Innovation and Partnerships for Green Growth." The work of the Fab Lab dovetails with the theme and our youth entrepreneurship activities (the CEC Youth Innovation Challenge).

Mr. Mark Kasman, Director, Office of Regional and Bilateral Affairs, and I would like to meet with you and Brandt to discuss your participation in the Fab Lab event and also at the Council Session. We would like to discuss diplomatic, programmatic and strategic aspects of the events with you and settle the details and logistics for both engagements (Fab Lab and Council Session) with you, Brant and the appropriate logistics/protocol person.

Would April 18, at 8:00 am, 9:00 am or between 11:15 am and 2:00 pm work for you? We would need about 45 minutes with you to go over these topics:

- Provide diplomatic/political background and objectives of the events
- Discuss possibility (or existing) partnerships with Canadian and Mexican counterparts
- Explore how to strengthen private sector engagement in Council Session and associated events
- Discuss Fab Lab participation in the Council Session Public Meeting on the afternoon of June 27

After our meeting with you, we would need to meet with Brandt and his team for about two hours to go over every aspect of the draft program, including participants, leads, roles, logistics, run of show, etc. We need to depart for the airport by 4:00 PM on the 18. (We are also hosting an event with the National Weather Service, and are meeting with Dr. Palmer at 10:00 AM on April 18 and Patrick Hyland on the 17th at 3:00 PM (TBC))

The Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) is an international organization created by the Governments of the United States, Canada, and Mexico through the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation. The CEC facilitates cooperation among the three countries to conserve, protect, and enhance the North American environment, promote sustainable development, and support the environmental goals and objectives of the North American Free Trade Agreement. The CEC Council, composed by the environment ministers of the three countries, meets annually and the current Council Chair, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, will host this year's meeting.

Please feel free to reach me by email or on my cel (202-344-9411) so that we can arrange a convenient meeting time and location.

Best regards,

*Luis Troche*

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